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Akin honored at convention

At the annual convention of the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates (GCUA) held last week in Savannah, seven individuals were acknowledged for outstanding service to their communities and to the credit union industry.

Brian Akin, President/CEO of North Georgia Credit Union, was among the honorees. Akin received a Moses C. Davis award for Professional of the Year.

Each year, the state trade association honors credit union management and volunteers with the Moses C. Davis awards, highlighting those individuals who have contributed consistently to furthering the "People Helping People" philosophy of credit unions.

"We take great pride in honoring individuals who have helped further the work of credit unions. Much of that effort includes assisting Georgia residents to enhance their financial literacy, particularly in this challenging economy," says Mike Mercer, President/CEO of Georgia Credit Union Affiliates.

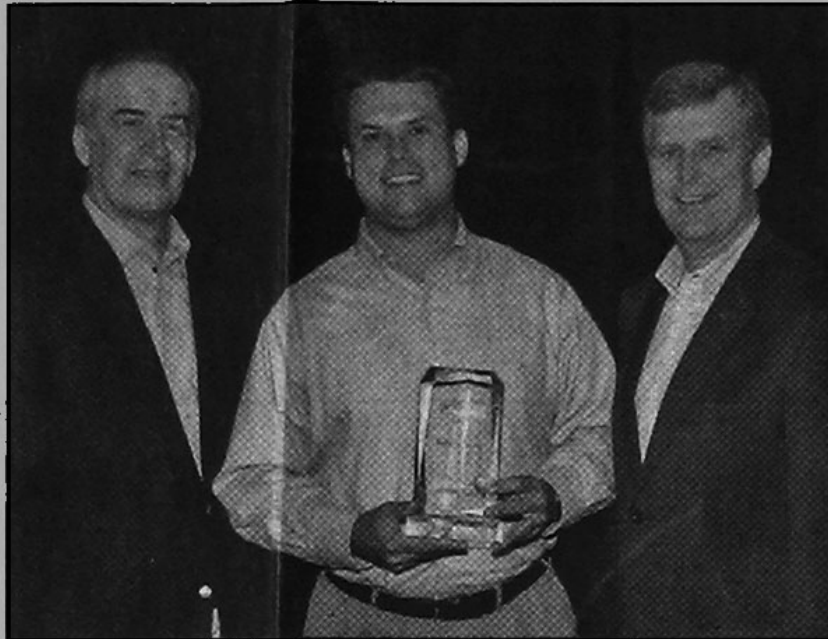


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PICTURED with President/CEO North Georgia Credit Union Brian Akin (center) is Mike Mercer, GCUA President/CEO (L) and Greg Connor, GCUA Board Chairman (R)

North Georgia Credit Union has experienced significant growth in Akin's nine-year tenure as CEO, including expanding membership eligibility to over 100 select employer groups and all residents of Stephens, Franklin, and Hart Counties.

Additionally, Akin serves on a number of credit union related boards and committees across the state and is also Vice President of the Northeast Georgia Credit

Union Chapter. When asked about the award, Akin responded by saying, "It is quite an honor to receive the Moses C. Davis Professional of the Year award.

Knowing how many talented credit union professionals that we have in Georgia, it is especially rewarding to have this honor bestowed upon me by my peers. Receiving such an award inspires me to work even harder for our credit union's members."

About Georgia Credit Union Affiliates

Georgia Credit Union Affiliates (GCUA) provides services and support that help credit unions meet the financial services needs of the state's more than 1.8 million credit union members. GCUA offers advocacy, educational, operational and marketing support for Georgia's 163 credit unions, which in 2009 have combined total assets of over \$16 billion. More information can be found at www.georgiacreditunions.org.

The credit union was originally chartered in 1941 as the Letourneau Federal Credit Union, serving the employees of the R.G. LeTourneau Plant in Toccoa. After the plant was sold to Westinghouse Airbrake Company (WABCO) and later closed, the credit union opened its membership up to other employers and the name was changed to North Georgia Credit Union.